

2024

Benefits Guide



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Benefits



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Welcome to 2024 Annual Enrollment!

At Union College, we value our employees as our greatest asset. We are pleased to provide a benefits program that meets the needs of our employees and their families. Benefits are an important part of your overall compensation—because of that, we offer comprehensive healthcare, a robust retirement plan, wellness opportunities, a tuition benefit program and more. We encourage you to review your options and choose benefits that meet your current needs. More information on our benefits program is available through our online benefit portal, **BenefitFocus** or the Human Resources website.



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Introduction

Benefit Plan Goals

Union offers comprehensive and affordable benefit plans that:

- Remains comparable with other colleges and employers
- Gives flexibility, fairness and options to meet the needs of our diverse workforce
- Manages the College's long-term costs
- Respects employee's long- and short-term expenses and financial goals
- Supports our goal to be a premier employer

More details on the benefit plans can be found in the Summary Plan Descriptions available on [BenefitFocus](#) or from Human Resources (HR).



Employee Eligibility

Employees scheduled to work at least 30 hours per week and 1,000 hours per year are considered **full-time benefit-eligible**, while those scheduled to work at least 20 hours per week and 660 hours per year are considered **part-time benefit-eligible**. Benefits are effective the first of the month following your date of eligibility or on the date of eligibility if your date of hire coincides with the first of the month.

Eligible Dependents

Eligible dependents include your:

- Legal spouse
- Domestic partner (Affidavit of Domestic Partnership and Financial Interdependence is required)
- Dependent children (including spouse's/domestic partner's dependent children) up to age 26:
 - Biological child
 - Legally-adopted child or child placed for adoption
 - Step child
 - Foster child
 - Child subject to a legal guardianship court order
 - Disabled children of any age

For more information on eligibility, please refer to plan documents available on [BenefitFocus](#).

When to Enroll

Eligible employees can enroll for benefits as a new hire, when moving to a benefits-eligible position, as a result of a Qualified Life Event and/or during annual enrollment.

If you do not enroll within 30 days of your eligibility, you will not be able to make changes during the year unless you have a Qualified Life Event, which includes, but is not limited to:

- Marriage, divorce, birth, adoption or death;
- An employment status change for you, your spouse/domestic partner or your eligible dependents that impacts benefit eligibility;
- A loss or gain of insurance coverage for either you, your spouse/domestic partner or your eligible dependents; or
- An employee or eligible dependent becoming an ineligible dependent (for example, a child reaching the maximum age of 26 to be covered under the medical, dental or vision plans).

If you or one of your covered dependents has a Qualified Life Event, you must provide supporting documentation to HR within 30 days of the event.



Annual Enrollment: YOU MUST ACTIVELY ENROLL IN YOUR BENEFITS

Eligible employees must actively enroll in their benefits during the fall annual enrollment period to ensure you have coverage for the following year. During this period, employees must elect health plans and enroll eligible dependents. Changes will take effect January 1.

How to Enroll

You will enroll online through **BenefitFocus** at <https://www.union.edu/human-resources/benefits>. Click on the link under the **BenefitFocus** section and once logged in, click on the “Enroll in Your Benefits Now!” button.

Note: You do not need to be enrolled in a medical plan to elect dental or vision coverage and you can choose a different coverage level for each of these plans.

Paying for Your Benefits

Most benefits are paid for with pre-tax contributions (before federal, Social Security and state taxes). Making benefits payments with pre-tax dollars lowers your taxable income and your subsequent tax liability, in turn decreasing your actual cost for these benefits. See cost information on **BenefitFocus**.

Understanding Key Terms

Each medical plan works a little differently, so take some time to familiarize yourself with these key terms.

Deductible:

The amount of covered expenses you must pay each calendar year before the plan begins paying certain benefits.

Copayment (Copay):

A flat fee that you pay at the time you receive a covered service until you reach your out-of-pocket maximum. Copays do not count toward the deductible, but they do count toward the out-of-pocket maximum.

Coinsurance:

The percentage of the cost you pay for a covered service once you have met your deductible and before you meet your out-of-pocket maximum.

Out-of-pocket maximum:

The maximum amount you will be required to pay after reaching your deductible. Once you reach the out-of-pocket maximum, the plan will begin paying for covered services at 100%. This does not include out-of-network costs.

In-network provider:

A network of doctors, hospitals, labs and other healthcare providers who belong to the CDPHP network. Using these providers typically result in the lowest costs for you.




Out-of-network provider:

A healthcare provider who does not belong to CDPHP's network. Utilizing these providers may result in additional out-of-pocket costs for you.

Health Coverage

Medical/Behavioral Health/Rx

Union offers you a choice of three medical plans—HDHP Plan H, PPO Plan C and PPO Plan U—through Capital District Physicians' Health Plan (CDPHP). All three plans offer comprehensive coverage for a wide range of services including full coverage for preventive care. The prescription drug program is provided through OptumRx.

	 HDHP PLAN H	 PPO PLAN C	 PPO PLAN U
Premiums/amount you pay out of your paycheck for coverage	\$	\$\$	\$\$\$
Amount you pay out-of-pocket at the time of service	\$\$\$	\$\$	\$
Access to a Health Care Flexible Spending Account to help pay for eligible medical expenses		✓	✓
Access to a Health Savings Account to help pay for eligible medical expenses	✓		

Note: You will pay less for coverage if you complete the Wellness Incentive Program requirements ([see page 15](#)).

If you have medical coverage through another source, you can elect to opt-out of Union's medical plan and receive \$500 per year in your pay (\$250 for part-time employees).

As you make your decision, keep in mind which plan will cost you less for the entire year, considering both paycheck deductions and potential out-of-pocket costs. To help you decide which plan is best for you, a cost estimator tool is available through [BenefitFocus](#).

A Note About HDHP Plan H

Unlike PPO Plan C and PPO Plan U, HDHP Plan H is a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP). This plan has higher deductibles than PPO Plan C and PPO Plan U. The deductible for HDHP Plan H applies to most medical services and prescription drugs before the plan pays. (Note that preventive services and drugs, as defined by the IRS, are covered in full and are not subject to the deductible.) Once the plan begins to pay, you will pay a percentage of the cost until the out-of-pocket maximum is met. **With this plan, you pay less out of your paycheck, but more out of pocket when you receive care.**

To help manage the higher out-of-pocket costs, you will have access to a Health Savings Account (HSA), administered by HealthEquity, to save for qualified expenses on a pre-tax basis.

More About the HSA

Your HSA is funded by Union and by you. You can contribute up to the IRS limit each year. You own your HSA, meaning you can take these funds with you if you leave Union. Any funds left in your HSA at the end of the year roll over; you do not lose the balance year-to-year in your account. Your HSA can be used to pay for eligible medical, behavioral health, dental and vision expenses as defined by the IRS. For a list of eligible expenses visit www.irs.gov/publications/p969.

If you enroll in HDHP Plan H, you will no longer be eligible to enroll in the Health Care Flexible Spending Account.

Are you eligible?

Per IRS rules, to qualify for an HSA, you must be enrolled in **HDHP Plan H** and meet the following requirements:

- You cannot be covered by any other health plan.
- You cannot currently be enrolled in Medicare.*
- You cannot be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return.

* Under IRS eligibility requirements, you are not eligible for an HSA if you are currently enrolled by Medicare Part A and/or B.

HSA's are triple tax-advantaged

1. Reduces your federal income taxes.

When you contribute to your HSA directly from your paycheck, you reduce your taxable income by the amount you contribute.

2. Earns interest tax-free.

Your money earns interest while it is in the account and you do not pay taxes on the interest earned.

3. Withdrawals are tax-free.*

You never pay taxes on HSA withdrawals when the money is used for qualified medical expenses.

To learn more, go to learn.healthequity.com/UnionCollege.

* HSA's are never taxed at a federal income tax level when used appropriately for qualified medical expenses. Also, most states recognize HSA funds as tax-free with very few exceptions. Tax rates vary dependent upon individual circumstances. Please consult a tax professional regarding your state's specific rules.

For 2024, Union will contribute \$500 Individual/\$1,000 Family. The 2024 HSA contribution limits set by the IRS are \$4,150 Individual/\$8,300 Family. If you are 55 or older, you can contribute an additional \$1,000 per year.



Medical Plan Comparison



HDHP PLAN H



PPO PLAN C



PPO PLAN U

	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Annual Deductible	\$1,600 Individual \$3,200 Family	\$3,200 Individual \$6,400 Family	\$500 Individual \$1,000 Family	\$1,000 Individual \$2,000 Family	\$0 Individual \$0 Family	\$250 Individual \$500 Family
Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum	\$3,000 Individual \$6,000 Family	\$6,000 Individual \$12,000 Family	\$2,500 Individual \$5,000 Family	\$5,000 Individual \$10,000 Family	\$1,200 Individual \$2,500 Family	\$2,500 Individual \$5,000 Family
Preventive Care	Covered in full	30% after deductible	Covered in full	30% after deductible	Covered in full	20% after deductible
Primary Care Physician (PCP) Office Visit	10% after deductible	30% after deductible	\$20 copay	30% after deductible	\$20 copay	20% after deductible
Specialist Office Visit	10% after deductible	30% after deductible	\$30 copay for first 10 visits; \$20 copay thereafter	30% after deductible	\$30 copay for first 10 visits; \$20 copay thereafter	20% after deductible
Telemedicine Visit (Doctor on Demand)	10% after deductible	30% after deductible	\$20 copay	Not covered	\$20 copay	Not covered
Urgent Care Facility	10% after deductible	30% after deductible	\$25 copay	30% after deductible	\$25 copay	20% after deductible
Emergency Room	10% after deductible	10% after deductible	\$100 copay	\$100 copay	\$100 copay	\$100 copay
Outpatient Hospital	10% after deductible	30% after deductible	\$500 after deductible	30% after deductible	\$150 copay ¹	20% after deductible
Inpatient Hospital	10% after deductible	30% after deductible	\$1,000 after deductible	30% after deductible	\$250 copay ¹	20% after deductible
Diagnostic labs & x-rays	10% after deductible	30% after deductible	Covered in full at approved preferred facilities; \$20 copay at non-preferred facilities	30% after deductible	Covered in full at approved preferred facilities; \$20 copay at non-preferred facilities	20% after deductible
High technology imaging	10% after deductible	30% after deductible	Covered in full at approved free-standing facility; \$150 at hospital	30% after deductible	Covered in full at approved free-standing facility; \$100 at hospital	20% after deductible
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Inpatient	10% after deductible	30% after deductible	\$1,000 after deductible	30% after deductible	\$250 copay ¹	20% after deductible
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Outpatient	10% after deductible	30% after deductible	\$20 copay	30% after deductible	\$20 copay	20% after deductible

¹ There is a separate \$350 individual/\$750 family out-of-pocket maximum for inpatient admissions and outpatient facility surgery combined.

Medical Plan Comparison (cont.)



HDHP PLAN H



PPO PLAN C



PPO PLAN U

	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Prescription Drugs (30-day supply)						
Tier 1	\$10 copay after deductible	Not covered	\$10 copay	\$10 copay	\$10 copay	\$10 copay
Tier 2	\$30 copay after deductible		\$30 copay	\$30 copay	\$30 copay	\$30 copay
Tier	\$50 copay after deductible		\$50 copay	\$50 copay	\$50 copay	\$50 copay
Prescription Drugs (90-day supply)						
Tier 1	\$20 copay after deductible	Not covered	\$20 copay	\$20 copay	\$20 copay	\$20 copay
Tier 2	\$60 copay after deductible		\$60 copay	\$60 copay	\$60 copay	\$60 copay
Tier 3	\$100 copay after deductible		\$100 copay	\$100 copay	\$100 copay	\$100 copay
Other Services	See Summary Plan Description					



Union outsources all Rx/pharmacy coverage through OptumRx. Be sure to take advantage of OptumRx's website: <https://www.optumrx.com/public/landing>

Optum Rx[®]

to utilize all their resources and tools available to you as a member. Once you create an account, you can manage your prescriptions, sign-up for home delivery, utilize the drug cost estimator tool and shop the Optum Store for discounted HSA and FSA eligible items.

PillarRx Cost Share Assistance Program

The PillarRx Cost Share Assistance Program helps employees and family members who take specialty medications for complex or chronic medical conditions.

This program uses drug manufacturers' coupons to cover most or all of your out-of-pocket costs for eligible medications. You will receive information directly from PillarRx by mail and by phone if you are impacted by this program.

Medical Plan Premium Per Pay Period



HDHP PLAN H



PPO PLAN C



PPO PLAN U

Full-Time*	HDHP PLAN H		PPO PLAN C		PPO PLAN U	
	WITH WELLNESS	WITHOUT WELLNESS	WITH WELLNESS	WITHOUT WELLNESS	WITH WELLNESS	WITHOUT WELLNESS
Employee	\$45.91	\$51.01	\$45.91	\$51.01	\$76.38	\$84.86
Employee+Child(ren)	\$133.03	\$147.81	\$133.03	\$147.81	\$180.26	\$200.29
Employee+Spouse	\$204.09	\$226.77	\$204.09	\$226.77	\$271.08	\$301.20
Family	\$272.67	\$302.96	\$272.67	\$302.96	\$362.25	\$402.50

Part-Time*	HDHP PLAN H		PPO PLAN C		PPO PLAN U	
	WITH WELLNESS	WITHOUT WELLNESS	WITH WELLNESS	WITHOUT WELLNESS	WITH WELLNESS	WITHOUT WELLNESS
Employee	\$255.01	\$257.56	\$255.01	\$257.56	\$287.16	\$291.41
Employee+Child(ren)	\$426.19	\$433.58	\$426.19	\$433.58	\$476.04	\$486.06
Employee+Spouse	\$612.55	\$623.89	\$612.55	\$623.89	\$683.26	\$698.32
Family	\$818.54	\$833.69	\$818.54	\$833.69	\$913.10	\$933.23

* Assumes 24 pay periods with no medical premium rebate.



Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA)

You can elect to contribute to an FSA to pay for eligible out-of-pocket health care and dependent care expenses. You set aside pre-tax dollars, reducing your taxable income and saving you money. You may enroll in the Health Care and/or Dependent Care Spending Accounts. Per IRS regulations, elections to the Health Care Spending Account cannot exceed \$3,050* and elections to the Dependent Care Spending Account cannot exceed \$5,000 (or \$2,500 for married individuals filing separately).

While FSAs offer many advantages, there are a few key points to keep in mind to make sure your account(s) work for you:

- You must enroll in the Flexible Spending Accounts each year you want to participate; IRS rules do not allow you to contribute unless you make an election each year.
- Once you sign up for one or both accounts, you cannot change or stop your contributions unless you experience a Qualified Life Event, such as marriage, divorce, the birth or adoption of a child or a change in employment status for you or your spouse.
- When you use an account, you cannot claim the same expenses on your federal income tax return. In some cases, you may be able to receive a tax credit for certain dependent care expenses that are more advantageous than the tax-free account reimbursement.
- Per IRS rules, the FSA cannot be used for domestic partner related expenses.
- You have until March 30, 2025, to submit claims for reimbursement of: 1) Health care expenses incurred between January 1, 2024, and March 15, 2025, or 2) Dependent care expenses incurred between January 1, 2024, and March 15, 2025. According to IRS rules, any money left in your account is forfeited.

* IRS limit for 2023 calendar year. IRS limits for 2024 are pending approval.

If you enrolled in the HDHP Plan H for 2024 you are not eligible for the Health Care FSA. You do have access to a Health Savings Account to help pay for eligible medical expenses. See [page 5](#) for more information.

Registering online with Sentinel

Union offers FSAs through Sentinel Group. Visit <https://bit.ly/3Svqpeh> to register. Membership allows you to explore the Health & Wealth Hub and read customized articles on topics like college planning and saving, budgeting and debt, cybersecurity and general investing.

Getting The Most From Your Medical Plan

Looking for ways to save money and take advantage of programs that can help you maintain or improve your health? Here are some programs to consider:

Know Your Medical Benefits and Use Network Providers

Before you visit a provider, find out what services are covered by your plan. You should also find out what your out-of-pocket costs might be for each type of visit, test or procedure. Use the CDPHP Price Check available at <https://www.cdphp.com/consumer-directed-health/tips-and-tools/price-check>.

You can also save money by using a CDPHP preferred lab and freestanding radiology provider. Visit <http://findadoc.cdphp.com> or call CDPHP at 518-641-3000 or 877-724-2579 to find participating facilities and providers.

Get Your Preventive Care—At No Cost to You

Preventive care is a great way to avoid illness and to stay healthy. The medical plan covers the full cost of annual check-ups, age-appropriate screenings and tests received from network providers.

Use Generics to Save Money

Generic medications contain the same active ingredients as their brand-name counterparts and have a lower copay. Ask your doctor if a generic might be appropriate for you.

Behavioral Health Support

CDPHP Programs and Resources

- **In-Person Care:** Psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers or therapists are available for mental health and substance treatment needs. Access [Find-a-Doc](#) to locate a provider with availability near you.
- **Behavioral Health Access Center:** Mental health experts that can help you access the care you need. Call 888-320-9584, Monday through Friday, 8 A.M. to 6 P.M.
- **Doctor On Demand:** Virtual mental health providers that can treat people of all ages with issues like anxiety, depression, postpartum, relationships, trauma and loss. Care is available within 48 hours.
- **Valera Health:** Virtual mental health providers that can treat members ages 6+ in NY specializing in culturally competent care including LGBTQ+ services. Care is available within one week of an initial consultation.
- **Crisis Hotline:** Call 888-320-9584 evenings and weekends for an immediate connection to a live licensed mental health professional.

Seek Alternatives to the Emergency Room

Emergency rooms are expensive and time consuming. For non-emergencies, consider the following:

- Contact your primary care provider (PCP) if it is not urgent. Your PCP knows you and your health history and can access your medical records. Plus, your PCP can provide follow-up care and refer you to specialists.
- Use Telehealth (Doctor on Demand) for a video visit with a provider using your smartphone, tablet or computer. You can save time and money by speaking with a provider anytime you need medical or behavioral health care (including after business hours and on weekends). Your PCP office visit copay applies to telehealth visits. Visit www.DoctoronDemand.com to learn more.
- Go to an urgent care center for conditions that are not life threatening but require immediate treatment.

Visit <http://findadoc.cdphp.com> by using the PPO National Network for extended in-network coverage or find providers on-the-go with My CDPHP Mobile at www.cdphp.com/mobile. You can also call CDPHP at 518-641-3000 or 877-724-2579.

Have you registered online?

Visit <https://member.cdphp.com/create-account> to register. Membership allows you to view claims, join a health and wellness program, and find a quality care provider near you using Find-A-Doc.



Visit www.MyHealthEquity.com to create a username and password and activate your HSA debit card. Once registered you can manage your account, including beneficiaries. To learn more about the HSA and for access to short videos and other tools and resources go to learn.healthequity.com/UnionCollege.

HealthEquity

Examples of How Costs Compare Across Our Plans

The following examples illustrate the total costs under the three medical plans for hypothetical patients with low, medium and high health care needs.

Scenario 1: Dion

Dion is in his late 20s, single and relatively healthy. He doesn't expect to have significant medical expenses next year. He enjoys being active and participates in the wellness program, which helps him save on medical care costs as well.

Dion's doctor is in-network, so all his preventive care is covered 100% no matter which plan he chooses. He also has a few prescriptions he takes throughout the year. The prescriptions are generic drugs in Tier 1, so his costs are low.

Since his anticipated medical expenses do not exceed the deductible for any plan, he knows he'll likely pay out-of-pocket. Under HDHP Plan H, Union contributes \$500 to his HSA to help pay for medical expenses. Dion concludes that his total costs will be the lowest under HDHP Plan H.

	H HDHP PLAN H	C PPO PLAN C	U PPO PLAN U
Annual Premium	\$1,102	\$1,102	\$1,833
1 PCP Visit – Preventive	\$0	\$0	\$0
1 PCP Visit – Non-preventive	\$150	\$20	\$20
3 Generic 30-day Prescriptions	\$75	\$30	\$30
Total Medical Out-of-Pocket Costs Plus Premium	\$1,327	\$1,152	\$1,883
Union HSA Contribution	-\$500	N/A	N/A
Total 2024 Cost	\$827	\$1,152	\$1,883

PCP and urgent care assumed to be \$150 per visit. Generic scripts \$25 each.






Scenario 2: Gina

Gina covers herself and her spouse under her plan. She has just found out she is pregnant, so she expects to reach the out-of-pocket maximum next year under any of the three medical plans. Her spouse also takes a long-term medication that is not available in generic form.

Gina participates in the wellness program to help save on her premium. Under HDHP Plan H, she would pay the full cost for all services and prescription drugs until meeting her \$3,200 family deductible. Union would contribute \$1,000 to her HSA to help pay for medical expenses.

If Gina chooses PPO Plan C, she knows she will pay the same out of each paycheck for coverage as with HDHP Plan H. But she also knows that her share of the cost for her pregnancy and any specialist visits would be much lower. She decides to go with PPO Plan C.

She also opts for Hospital Indemnity insurance from Sun Life because it covers routine pregnancy, complications from pregnancy and routine newborn nursery care among many other services.

	 HDHP PLAN H	 PPO PLAN C	 PPO PLAN U
Annual Premium	\$4,898	\$4,898	\$6,506
2 PCP Visits – Preventive	\$0	\$0	\$0
4 Specialist Visits	\$800	\$120	\$120
1 Outpatient Surgery	\$2,100	\$1,000	\$150
Quarterly Mail-Order Tier 3 drugs	\$400	\$400	\$400
Total Medical Out-of-Pocket Costs Plus Premium	\$8,198	\$6,418	\$7,176
Union HSA Contribution	-\$1,000	N/A	N/A
Total 2024 Cost	\$7,198	\$6,418	\$7,176




\$3,000 for outpatient surgery. \$200 specialist visits.

Scenario 3: Kioko

Kioko covers their entire family under their plan. That includes themselves, their spouse, and three active teenagers. Last year the family had a fair amount of medical expenses, and they expect the same this year. They have several prescriptions, and their children have been to urgent care a handful times for sports injuries.

Kioko intends to participate in the wellness program to help save on their premium. They also plan to sign up for Accident insurance from Sun Life in case one of those minor injuries turns out to be something more serious.

Kioko decides that with their family's expected medical expenses, PPO Plan U makes the most sense for their situation.

	 HDHP PLAN H	 PPO PLAN C	 PPO PLAN U
Annual Premium	\$6,544	\$6,544	\$8,694
Family Out-of-Pocket Maximum	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$2,500
Total Medical Out-of-Pocket Costs Plus Premium	\$12,544	\$11,544	\$11,194
Union HSA Contribution	-\$1,000	N/A	N/A
Total 2024 Cost	\$11,544	\$11,544	\$11,194

Dental Coverage

Union offers a choice of two dental plans, Basic and Plus, through Delta Dental of New York. Both plans provide comprehensive coverage for care received through any provider, however, you will pay less for care received from participating Delta Dental providers. The Basic plan has a lower premium and covers a lower amount of dental services. The Plus plan provides a higher calendar year maximum and orthodontia coverage for a higher premium.

Dental Plan Options

	BASIC	PLUS
Annual Deductible	\$75 per person/up to \$225 per family	\$50 per person/up to \$150 per family
Preventive and Diagnostic Care (cleanings, x-rays)	100% (not subject to deductible)	100% (not subject to deductible)
Basic Services/Restorative (fillings, oral surgery)	50% after deductible	80% after deductible
Major Services/Restorative (bridges, crowns, dentures)	50% after deductible	80% after deductible
Orthodontia	Not covered	50% after deductible; maximum \$2,000 per person lifetime maximum
Annual Limit	\$1,000 maximum per person	\$2,000 maximum per person

Dental Plan Premiums

	FULL-TIME*		PART-TIME*	
	BASIC	PLUS	BASIC	PLUS
Employee	\$4.39	\$14.11	\$8.46	\$18.17
Employee+Child(ren)	\$8.29	\$24.29	\$14.50	\$30.50
Employee+Spouse	\$11.04	\$32.41	\$19.32	\$40.69
Family	\$24.84	\$59.79	\$35.00	\$69.95

* Assumes 24 pay periods. Contact HR for spousal pairs.

Registering online with Delta Dental

Visit https://www.deltadentalins.com/RSO/shared/registration_step1.jsp to register. Membership allows you to browse the wellness library, schedule a virtual consult or Toothpic appointment and access important guides on oral health maintenance.

Vision Coverage

Union offers a vision plan through EyeMed. The plan covers vision exams, frames, lenses, contacts and laser vision correction. You pay less when you use network providers, which include both private practitioners and large national retail chains (Lenscrafters, Target Optical, JCPenney Optical and more). You pay the full cost of coverage.

	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK (REIMBURSEMENT)
Eye Exam (once every calendar year)		
Exam with dilation as necessary	Covered in full	Up to \$40
Standard contact lens fit and follow-up	Up to \$55	Not covered
Premium contact lens fit and follow-up	10% off retail price	Not covered
Frames (every other calendar year)	\$0 copay; \$200 allowance; 80% of retail price over \$200	Up to \$100
Standard Lenses (once every calendar year)		
Single vision	Covered in full	Up to \$50
Bifocal	Covered in full	Up to \$60
Trifocal	Covered in full	Up to \$75
Basic Progressive	Covered in full	Up to \$75
Lens Options (paid by member and added to the base price of the lenses)		
UV Coating	\$15	Not covered
Tint (Solid and Gradient)	\$15	Not covered
Scratch Resistance	\$15	Not covered
Basic Polycarbonate	\$0	Not covered
Standard Anti-Reflective	\$45	Not covered
Contact Lenses (in lieu of frames and lenses; once every calendar year)		
Conventional	\$0 copay; \$200 allowance, 15% off balance over \$200	Up to \$100
Disposables	\$0 copay; \$200 allowance, balance over \$200	Up to \$100
Medically Necessary	Covered in full	Up to \$100
Laser Vision Correction	15% off retail price or 5% off promotional pricing	Not covered

Vision Plan Premium

PER PAY PERIOD*

Employee	\$4.57
Employee+Child(ren)	\$7.05
Employee+Spouse	\$10.02
Family	\$13.38

* Assumes 24 pay periods.

Registering online with Eyemed

Visit <https://member.eyemedvisioncare.com/member/en/register> to register. Membership allows you to buy frames and contacts online and browse Eye Site on Wellness for FAQs, interactive quizzes and access to the digital library.

Reducing Costs for 2024

Wellness Incentive Program

The Wellness Incentive Program is designed to promote personal health awareness and accountability, with the goal of reducing preventable medical expenses. In order to qualify for the 10% Wellness Incentive Program, you must:

- Participate in one of our medical plans,
- Complete a biometric screening or physical, and
- Complete the Smoke/Tobacco Free Affirmation through [BenefitFocus](#).

If you are covering a spouse or domestic partner on your medical plan and want to receive this credit, **your spouse or domestic partner must also meet these requirements.** You can apply for the Wellness Incentive at any time by completing these requirements throughout the plan year.

See the Appendix for the Notice Regarding Union's Wellness and LifePoints Program.

Medical Premium Rebate Program

The Medical Premium Rebate Program helps supplement the cost of medical insurance coverage for employees with a 2022 Total Household Adjusted Gross Income less than or equal to \$92,303.

To apply for the Medical Premium Rebate, you must complete the 2024 Medical Premium Rebate form online through Formstack, which can be found on [BenefitFocus](#). You also are required to attach your most recent tax return (the page that shows Total Adjusted Gross Income) for verification when you submit the online form.

For more information, look on [BenefitFocus](#) or contact HR.

Lifepoints Program & Other Wellness Incentives

CDPHP members can earn up to \$365 in gift cards, per family per year, for participating in this interactive online program. Members ages 18 and older can earn points for a variety of healthy activities, such as:

- Receiving an annual physical exam (a free service with all CDPHP plans)
- Getting a flu shot
- Participating in free CDPHP wellness classes to get fit, eat healthy and manage stress
- Working out with CDPHP InMotion

Go to www.cdphp.com to learn more and register today.

See the Appendix for the Notice Regarding Union's Wellness and LifePoints Program.

Discounted Wellness Programs

Union recognizes the importance of having employees pursue healthy and active lifestyles. The College offers a variety of programs to promote health and help employees save money on healthcare expenses, including:

- Walking programs
- Access to College athletic facilities
- And more!



Basic Life, AD&D, and Long-Term Disability

Sun Life Financial administers Union's Basic Life Insurance, Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance and Long-Term Disability (LTD) Insurance programs. Sun Life provides claim reviews and case management services to help streamline the employee experience. The College pays the full cost of Basic Life, AD&D, and LTD for eligible employees.

Basic Life

The College provides Basic Life Insurance coverage equal to 1 times annual salary to a maximum of \$250,000.

Basic AD&D

The College provides Basic AD&D coverage equal to 1 times annual salary to a maximum of \$250,000. Basic AD&D benefits are paid if you die or are severely injured as the result of an accident.

Basic Long-Term Disability (LTD)

If you are an employee who works at least 30 hours per week and 1,000 hours per year, you are eligible for the Basic LTD Plan. This coverage provides partial income replacement after 180 days of Short-Term Disability (STD), if you are approved by Sun Life. Basic LTD replaces 60% of your base salary, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per month.

New hires must complete one year of service to be eligible for this program.

Registering online with Sun Life Financial

Visit <https://bit.ly/3TD7O9Y> to register as a member, file claims and access beneficiary resources.



Supplemental Insurance Coverage Options

You can elect Supplemental Insurance coverage when you are first hired or during annual enrollment.

Evidence of Insurability (EOI) is required to enroll for the first time after you are first eligible or to increase the coverage amount (does not apply to Long-Term Disability).

Supplemental Life

You may elect Supplemental Life Insurance equal to 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 times your annual salary to a maximum of \$500,000. You pay the full cost of Supplemental Life Insurance on a pre-tax basis. The cost of Supplemental Life is based upon your age and subject to change mid-year if you have a birthday that puts you into another age group (i.e., you turn 30, 35, 40, 45, etc.) You are required to provide EOI if you are electing coverage for the first time, greater than or equal to 3 times your annual salary or \$300,000, whichever is less.

Dependent Life Insurance

You may elect Dependent Life Insurance:

- **Option 1** equals \$25,000 for your spouse/domestic partner and \$4,000 for your children
- **Option 2** equals \$5,000 for your spouse/domestic partner and \$2,000 for your children.

You pay the full cost of Dependent Life Insurance coverage on an after-tax basis.

Note: Dependent children are eligible for Dependent Life Insurance coverage until they reach age 19.

Supplemental Long-Term Disability (LTD)

Once you become eligible for Basic LTD, you can elect Supplemental LTD. Your benefit, if approved, will pay a total of 70% of base salary, reduced by other income, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per month. You pay the full cost of Supplemental LTD coverage on an after-tax basis, so the LTD benefits paid are not taxed.

Supplemental AD&D

You may elect Supplemental AD&D in \$10,000 increments to a maximum of \$500,000. You pay the full cost of Supplemental AD&D coverage on a pre-tax basis.

Universal Life and Long-Term Care Insurance

You may elect Universal Life Insurance through Colonial Voluntary Benefits. The policy's tax-free death benefit can help to cover final expenses and provide financial security for a family's future expenses. Employees have the flexibility to use their death benefit for covered long-term care expenses.

Auto, Home, Renters and Other Personal Insurance

Liberty Mutual and Merriam Insurance offer a full range of auto, home, renters and other insurance products. Union employees save money on their personal property insurance and qualify for a special group discount.



NEW for 2024: Additional Coverage for More Peace of Mind

Life has a way of taking us by surprise. Although you can't predict the future, you can give yourself a safety net. That's why Union has partnered with Sun Life to provide a range of insurance options to help you protect yourself and your family from the unexpected. Call Sun Life at 800-247-6875 or visit sunlife.com/us to learn more about these additional coverage choices.

Accident Insurance

Protect your savings against an accident. Even a broken arm can result in medical costs not covered by your health plan. Accident insurance pays you cash for covered accidents and treatments. You can use the money to help pay out-of-pocket medical costs or everyday expenses.

How it Works

- You can elect coverage for yourself, you and your spouse, you and your children, or you and your family.
- Provides coverage for on- and off-the-job accidents.
- Benefits are payable directly to you, the employee.
- The plan pays benefits in addition to any other coverage you may have.
- There are no health questions or pre-existing conditions limitations.
- The plan pays you \$50 each year when you receive common screenings like blood tests, skin cancer screening, lipid panels, electrocardiogram (ECG), immunizations and more.

Hospital Indemnity Insurance

If you are facing a hospital stay, this optional benefit helps pay expenses not covered by your health plan. You can use your hospital indemnity benefits however you want, including expenses like lost income, childcare, deductibles and copays. Benefits are payable directly to you and are in addition to any other coverage you already have.

What's Covered

The plan offers hospitalization benefits for you, your spouse and/or your child(ren) up to age 26. Benefits are payable for hospital stays due to:

- Sickness
- Accidents
- Substance treatment
- Routine pregnancy
- Newborn complications
- Mental illness
- Complications of pregnancy
- Routine newborn nurse care

Critical Illness Insurance

Protect your savings in case of a serious illness that leads to unexpected costs not covered by your health plan. Critical Illness insurance provides a cash benefit when you or a person on your plan is diagnosed with a covered condition. The benefit is paid directly to you, to use however you want. Covered conditions include heart attack, stroke, cancer, major organ failure, end-stage kidney disease and more.

How it Works

For you: Choose from \$10,000 to \$40,000 of coverage in increments of \$10,000 with no medical questions asked.

For Your Spouse: If you elect coverage for yourself, you can choose from \$10,000 to \$40,000 of coverage for your spouse in increments of \$10,000 with no medical questions asked. Coverage cannot exceed 100% of coverage.

For your child(ren): If you elect coverage for yourself, you can choose (for each eligible child under age 26) from \$2,000 to \$20,000 of coverage in increments of \$1,000 with no medical questions asked. Coverage cannot exceed 50% of coverage.

Retirement Plan

Preparing for your future financial security requires careful planning. The Union Retirement Plan consists of contracts and certificates issued through Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association (TIAA) and/or Fidelity Investments.

Your Contribution

You can contribute to the plan starting on your first day of employment. You can save up to the IRS limits each year. The limit for the 2023 calendar year was \$23,500, plus an additional \$7,500 for individuals age 50 or older. The IRS limits for 2024 are pending approval. You can increase or change your own contribution at any time.

Union's Contribution

To help your savings grow, the College contributes 11% of annual wages (excluding overtime, overloads, supplements, etc.) each year for eligible employees.

You are eligible for the 11% contribution if you:

- Are at least age 21, have one year of service and work at least 1,000 hours per year; OR
- Have previously enrolled in a college/university's 401(a), 401(k) or 403(b) plan (proof of prior account required) that included employer contributions. The account must be active (not cashed out or transferred) at the time you join the Union Retirement Plan.

Vesting

You become vested (meaning you have ownership rights) for College contributions and earnings after three years. You are always 100% vested in your contributions and earnings.



Enrollment for Union College's Contributions

Enrollment periods are held for newly eligible employees each March, June, September and December with Union's 11% contribution beginning the first of January, April, July or October following the 1 year waiting period.

To learn more about the eligibility rules, visit the Retirement Planning section of the HR website at: <https://www.union.edu/human-resources/benefits>.

Tuition Benefit Program

The Tuition Benefit Program offers benefits to eligible full-time employees and eligible dependents for full-time and part-time studies.

- The goal of the full-time tuition studies is to minimize, to the extent possible, financial barriers to higher education for the dependent children of Union's employees.
- The goal of the part-time tuition studies is to support the educational goals and encourage professional development of eligible participants.

Full-Time Studies

The full-time tuition benefit applies to a dependent's enrollment as a full-time matriculated student at Union or at an accredited college, university or program (listed in the US Department of Education database of accredited institutions) for a bachelor's degree, or as a full-time matriculated student in a two-year junior or community college. The benefit applies for four years of full-time undergraduate study (8 semesters, or 12 trimesters, or 12 quarters, etc.).

Part-Time Studies

Full-time employees of Union, their legally married spouses/domestic partners and their dependent children may take courses at Union or the Clarkson University Capital Region Campus (CRC) as part-time students. A full-time employee may enroll in up to two Union or CRC courses per term free of tuition charges, as long as the courses are not in conflict with the employee's work schedule. The employee may enroll in a maximum of four tuition-free courses per academic year (July to June) under this benefit.

Legally married spouses, domestic partners and dependent children of full-time employees and their spouse/domestic partner may enroll as part-time students in up to three Union or CRC courses per academic year (July to June) free of tuition charges. Dependent children receiving Union's tuition benefit for full-time study, whether at Union or elsewhere, may use the part-time benefit at Union or the CRC, during the summer term only, without any reduction in the benefit for full-time study.



For more information regarding program eligibility and details, please visit <https://www.union.edu/human-resources/benefits>.

Employee Assistance (EAP) and Success Coach Programs

Helpful Resources for Union Employees and their Families

Higher Ed EAP

The EAP offers tools and services to help you and your family members navigate a wide array of challenges and problems.

Just a few examples of these include:

- Marriage and family
- Education planning
- Eldercare
- Adoption
- Grief
- Debt
- Wills
- Substance treatment
- Stress
- Scholarships
- Taxes
- Mental health
- Pet problems
- Childcare
- Smoking cessation
- Divorce
- Legal problems
- Depression
- Wellness

In addition, the EAP offers hundreds of personal and professional development opportunities, from trainings to one-on-one telephonic coaching in the following areas:

- Certified financial coaching
- Home purchasing
- Retirement
- Balancing life at work
- Student debt
- Succeeding as a supervisor
- Resilience
- Yoga & meditation
- Effective communication
- Workplace conflict

You also have access to a comprehensive wellness coaching benefit designed to help you tackle issues that are most detrimental to your overall health and well-being. The program includes assistance with losing weight, improving nutrition, getting fit, stopping tobacco use and reducing stress.

To access the EAP, call 800-252-4555 or 800-225-2527 to talk with a counselor or coach who will work with you to address your issues. You can also visit www.HigherEdEAP.com for thousands of problem-solving resources and self-help tools.

The EAP is a free benefit and your confidentiality is assured.

Success Coach Program – Greater Schenectady Employer Resource Network (GSERN)

A Success Coach is a person who can provide you with confidential access to services and interactive coaching to support you and your employment. By utilizing the best resources of local government, non-profits and private employers, the Success Coach can help you overcome personal barriers that may be threatening or interfering with your employment or causing difficulty for you on the home front. Union's Success Coach is on campus regularly. Please check with HR for more information.



Additional Benefits

Union provides many other benefits, including:

- Financial wellness opportunities
- Paid and unpaid time away from work
- Employee Scholarship Program
- Business travel insurance
- Housing assistance
- Credit union services
- Pay advances for computer device purchases
- Free or discounted tickets to Union athletic events
- Discounts to Proctor's, Six Flags, Great Escape and more

Visit the **Benefits** section of the HR website at <https://www.union.edu/human-resources/benefits> to learn more about these and other programs.

Legal Notices

Union provides required notices to employees upon hire and every year. You can find these notices in **Benefits Focus**.



Contact Information

	CONTACT	PHONE/EMAIL	WEBSITE
General Benefit Questions, Wellness Program, Tuition Benefit and Additional Benefits	benefits@union.edu	518-388-6108	https://www.union.edu/human-resources/benefits
Leaves of Absence (Disability, Worker's Comp, FMLA and NYS PFL)	benefits@union.edu	518-388-6108 benefits@union.edu	https://www.union.edu/human-resources/benefits
Online Enrollment	BenefitFocus		https://www.union.edu/human-resources/benefits
Medical and Behavioral Health	Capital District Physicians' Health Plan (CDPHP) (Group 10008593)	518-641-3100	www.cdphp.com (to find participating providers, click here , select PPO National as Plan Type)
Prescription Drug Program	OptumRx	800-788-4863	www.optumrx.com
Dental	Delta Dental (Group 1680)	800-932-0783	www.deltadentalins.com (to find participating providers, select the Delta Dental PPO or Delta Dental Premier option in the "Find a Dentist" box)
Vision	EyeMed (Plan #9685876)	800-521-3605	www.eyemedvisioncare.com (to find participating providers, select the Access network and enter your zip code in the "Provider Locator" box)
Health Savings Account	HealthEquity	866-346-5800	https://my.healthequity.com/ClientLogin.aspx
Flexible Spending Accounts	Sentinel Group	800-762-6088	www.sentinelgroup.com
Employee Assistance Program	Higher Ed EAP	800-252-4555 800-225-2527	www.HigherEdEAP.com
Life Insurance and Accidental Death & Dismemberment (Claims)	Sun Life Financial	800-247-6875	www.sunlife.com/us
Long-Term Disability (Claims)	Sun Life Financial	800-247-6875	www.sunlife.com/us
Accident, Hospital Indemnity, and Critical Illness (Claims)	Sun Life Financial	800-247-6875	www.sunlife.com/us
Retirement Plan	TIAA	800-732-8353	www.TIAA.org/Union Access your Retirement@Work® guide directly at https://myapps.union.edu/
Retirement Plan	Fidelity Investments	800-642-7131	www.netbenefits.com/union Access your Retirement@Work® guide directly at https://myapps.union.edu/

Appendix

Notice Regarding Union College's Wellness and Life Points Programs

Union College's "Wellness Program" is a voluntary wellness program available to all employees and covered spouses/ domestic partners. The program is administered according to federal rules, permitting employer-sponsored wellness programs that seek to improve employee health or prevent disease, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, as applicable, among others. If you choose to participate in the wellness incentive part of the program, you will be asked to complete either a biometric screening or annual physical, which will include a blood test to determine the following measures: blood glucose (screening for prediabetes, diabetes), total cholesterol, LDL, HDL, Triglycerides and to certify your smoke/tobacco free status (or demonstrate participation in a smoking cessation program). If you choose to participate in the "Life Points" part of the program you will need to complete a health risk assessment or "HRA" that asks a series of questions about your health-related activities and behaviors and also asks whether you have or have had certain medical conditions (e.g., cancer, diabetes or heart disease). Additional incentives of up to \$365 per family may be available through the "Life Points" program for employees and their family members who participate in certain health-related activities (please refer to the www.CDPHP.com website for specific Life Points qualifying activities). If you are unable to participate in any of the health-related activities to earn an incentive, you may be entitled to a reasonable accommodation or an alternative standard. You may request a reasonable accommodation or an alternative standard from Human Resources, College Park Hall, x. 6108.

You are not required to participate in the Wellness Incentive program or the Life Points program. As such, you are not required to complete the HRA or to participate in the blood test or other medical examinations or to certify your smoke/tobacco-free status. However, only employees who choose to participate and complete the requirements of the wellness incentive part of the program will receive a 10% wellness incentive toward the cost of their medical insurance for the remainder of the plan year and only employees who complete the HRA and participate in the Life Points program will be entitled to up to \$365 in annual Life Point awards.

The information from your HRA and the results from your biometric screening will be used to provide you with information to help you understand your current health and potential risks. Upon completion of the HRA and/or biometric screening, CDPHP resources will be recommended to aid members in maintaining and improving their health based upon their individual responses. The information may also be beneficial to you for participating in programs or utilizing services through the wellness program, such as BMI measures from biometric screenings may be used to reach members via outreach campaigns to raise member awareness of weight management resources available as a value added benefit through CDPHP, or for your voluntary participation in the various wellness classes, webinars or special programs. You are also encouraged to share your results or concerns with your own doctor.

Protections from Disclosure of Medical Information

We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your personally identifiable health information. Although the wellness program (administered through the Capital District Physician's Health Plan (CDPHP)) and Union College may use aggregate information it collects to design a program based on identified health risks in the workplace, CDPHP will never disclose any of your personal information either publicly or to Union College, except as necessary to respond to a request from you for a reasonable accommodation needed to participate in the wellness program, or as expressly permitted by law. Medical information that personally identifies you that is provided in connection with the wellness program will not be provided to your supervisors or managers and may never be used to make decisions regarding your employment.

Your health information will not be sold, exchanged, transferred, or otherwise disclosed except to the extent permitted by law to carry out specific activities related to the wellness program, and you will not be asked or required to waive the confidentiality of your health information as a condition of participating in the wellness program or receiving an incentive. Anyone who receives your information for purposes of providing you services as part of the wellness program will abide by the same confidentiality requirements. The only individual(s) who will receive your personally identifiable health information, such as Individual results from the biometric screenings (BMI, Blood Pressure, LDL Cholesterol), is your indicated Primary Care Physician.

All medical information obtained through the wellness program will be maintained separate from your personnel records. Information stored electronically will be encrypted, and no information you provide as part of the wellness

program will be used in making any employment decision. Appropriate precautions will be taken to avoid any data breach, and in the event of a data breach involving information you provide in connection with the wellness program, we will notify you immediately.

You may not be discriminated against in employment because of the medical information you provide as part of participating in the wellness program, nor may you be subjected to discrimination or retaliation if you choose not to participate.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this notice, or about protections against discrimination and retaliation, please contact Human Resources, College Park Hall, x. 6108.

Special Notice of Employee Rights

Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), if you are declining enrollment for yourself or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other group health insurance coverage, you may in the future be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in the Union College medical plan if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage (or if the employer stops contributing to the cost of that coverage), provided you request enrollment within 30 days after your other coverage ends.

In addition, if you have a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your eligible dependents, provided you request enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

To request a special enrollment or obtain more information, please contact Human Resources, College Park Hall, x. 6108.

This Benefits Guide provides a summary of some of the benefits offered to Union College employees. If there are discrepancies between the information included in this guide and the applicable plan documents or insurance contracts, the plan documents and insurance contracts will govern in all cases. While it is Union College's intent to continue all current benefit plans and policies, Union College reserves the right to amend or terminate any of the plans or to change contribution levels toward benefits at its discretion and for whatever reasons it considers appropriate. The Reservation of Rights provision pertains to all current, former, and retired employees/participants and applies to the retirement plan, the tuition remission program and all insurance plans including, but not limited to, life, disability, medical, dental and vision insurance. No oral statement made by a representative of Union College may contradict this Reservation of Rights provision. If you have any questions, please contact Human Resources at ext. 6108.